

# DATA ANALYSIS OF A DOCUMENT TRACKER

A Python-Based Application



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### Introduction

The project aims to develop a Data Analysis of a Document Tracker application in Python. The software should perform functionalities like

- View by countries
- View by Continent
- Find the most popular browser
- Produce a list of 10 also-like documents
- Plot digraph of the also\_like documents
- GUI to process the required task

"Python is a dynamic and flexible language. Python design patterns are a great way of harnessing its vast potential.". (Boyanov, 2018)

The project implements Strategy pattern using the principle of single responsibility in the modules 1 to 4.

As part of this design, the modules in the project would follow along with a combination of OOP and functional programming using the advanced language constructs in Python like

- Higher order functions -map,reduce
- Dictionary Comprehension,
- List comprehension
- Classes- Method Overloading
- Lambda expressions within higher order functions
- Regular Expressions
- Single Responsibility Principle.

The application would be developed in Spyder 3.2.8 using Python 3.6.5 64bits on Windows.

# **Requirements Checklist**

No	Functionalities	Status
1	Implement Core Logic in Python	Achieved
2	Views by country	Achieved
3	Views by continent	Achieved
4	Views by user_agent	Achieved
5	Views by browser	Achieved
6	Implement a function that returns the list of readers of a document.	Achieved
7	Implement a function that returns the list of documents read by a visitor.	Achieved
8	Implement a function for the "also like" functionality	Achieved
9	Generate a graph that displays the "also like" functionality	Achieved

# **Design Considerations**

## **Design Pattern**

Chain of Responsibility pattern simplifies the interconnections between objects. Rather than maintaining references to all candidate receivers by senders and receivers, each sender holds a single reference to the head of the chain, and the rest would hold a single reference to their immediate successor in the chain. (Sourcemaking.com, 2018)

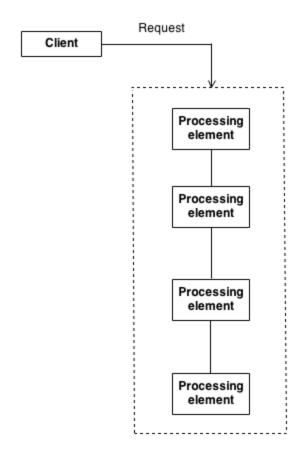


Fig: Chain of responsibility (Sourcemaking.com, 2018)

The pattern chains the objects which then passes any request messages from object to object until it reaches the one capable of handling the message.

## **Class Design**

The application follows a modular structure. The different modules for various functionalities and its respective class design are given below.

#### Module - Module-Common Class - common\_functions

- **a.** The function **read\_data** reads the JSON data in the input file path as pandas data frame
- b. The get\_values function returns a filtered list of values from specified column input that takes as input 1. A variable which has the column to be matched with value 2. Value of the selection criteria 3. Data frame 4. Name of the attribute whose values are to be returned and output values of an attribute in parameter 4, for the records that match the selection criteria. An overloaded function of this would return a filtered list of values from specified column input with input 1. Data frame

  2. Name of the attribute whose values are to be returned and output values of the attribute in parameter 2, for the records that match the selection criteria

- c. get\_records function returns a filtered set of records and takes as input 1. A variable which has the column to be matched with value 2. Value of the selection criteria
   3. Dataframe and output the records that match the selection criteria
- **d.** A **get\_count\_dictionary** method returns a dictionary with the item as keys and the no of occurrences in the list as values.
- **e.** The get\_flat\_list function returns the flattened list of the input list.

#### Module - plot-functions Class - plot\_functions

**f. The plot\_hist** method takes as input the dictionary whose keys are plotted along the x-axis and values along the y-axis

#### Module - module 2 Class - task2a

- **g. dict\_view\_by\_country** method generates dictionary which has the data for views by country of the document
- **h. view\_by\_country** -method plots View by country using the plot\_hist function from plot\_functions module

#### Module - module 2 Class - task2b

i. **view\_by\_continent** – method maps countries to the continent, group by continent and plot the views by continent

#### Module - module 3 Class - task3a

**j. the view\_by\_user\_agent** method creates a dictionary which has the data for views by user\_agent of the document and plots the respective histogram

#### Module - module 3 Class - task3b

- **k. the view\_by\_browser** method uses a regular expression to extract the browser name from user agent and creates a dictionary which has the data for views by the browser of the document and plots the respective histogram
- browser method retrieves the browser names from user\_agent using a regular expression

#### Module - module 4 Class -task4

- **m. get\_readers** Function that returns all visitor UUIDs of readers of a document. input : document id , output : list of visitors that read the document
- **n. get\_read\_documents** Function that returns all document UUIDs read by a visitor. input: visitor\_uuid, output: list of documents read by the visitor
- **o. get\_also\_likes** Function that returns all document UUIDs read by a visitor .input : visitor\_uuid, output : list of documents read by the visitor
- p. sort\_no\_of\_readers Function to create a dictionary of the form doc\_id : no\_of\_readers step 1 : create a flat list of the direct values, step 2 : count the number of occurrences of each unique values

- **q. get\_also\_likes\_sorted** Function that returns all document UUIDs read by a visitor sort by the sort function passed, input: visitor\_uuid, sort function output: list of documents read by the visitor in the sorted order
- r. get\_also\_likes\_sorted\_top10 Gets the most popular the top 10 documents

Class - task5

- s. also\_like\_graph: Function to generate the digraph of also\_likes documents
- **t. edge\_dict**: Function returns a list of the form (reader,doc\_id) for all documents read by the reader. This is used to draw the edges of the also likes digraph.
- Module module 6

Class - task6

**a. fn**\_2a – will get the dictionary for plotting histogram from view\_by\_dictionary of task2a. and plots it by creates a canvas in the tkinter frame.

#### **Data Structures**

- **Dictionary** To store the details required for plotting histogram
- **List** To store the intermediate results
- **Data frames -** To store the input data from the file

#### Libraries

- **Pandas** for handling the data frames
- **Matplotlib** For plotting Histogram
- **Numpy** For manipulating arrays
- **Tkinter** For GUI
- **Graphviz** To plot digraph of also\_likes functionality
- **Re** To extract browser names from visitor\_useragent
- **Functions** For higher order functions like reduce

## **Advanced Language Constructs**

The application uses the following advanced concepts in C#.

• **Higher order functions -map,reduce** – **map** function was used to apply the same function to all the elements of a list.**reduce** function was used to flatten a list having another list as its element.

- **Dictionary Comprehension** was used to create dictionaries storing the details for plotting
- **List comprehension** was used to create lists to store intermediate data
- **Classes- Method Overloading** overloaded methods get\_values will fetch the value of a selected column for the records that match the selection criteria in one version whereas the other version will fetch the full record for the instances that match the selection criteria
- **Lambda expressions** used within higher-order functions **t**o make the function clear and concise
- **Regular Expressions re.findall()** method was used to extract multiple browser names from a single visitor\_useragent.

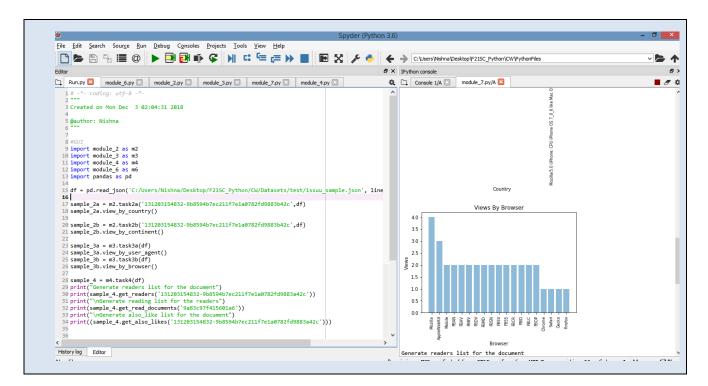
## **Programming Paradigm**

A combination of the following paradigms are used

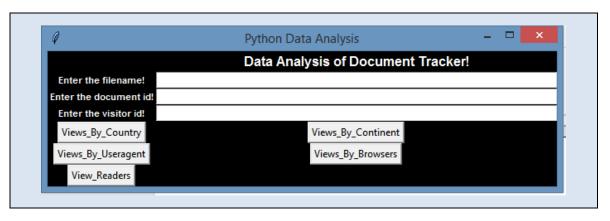
- **OOP** Lets you do a modular programming approach
- Functional Programming
  - **a.** Functions as the first-class citizens
  - **b.** Recursions instead of iterations
  - c. Stateless

## **User Guide**

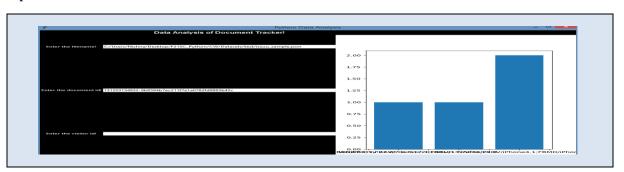
1. The application can be run via GUI or command line tools. Run the run.py module to run the application in the python console

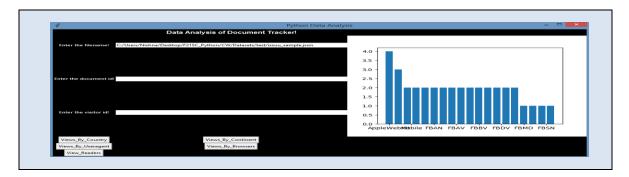


2. GUI looks as below

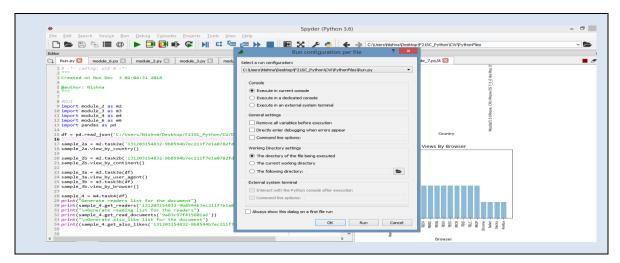


3. Enter the filename and document id and click on the buttons to vieqw the respective plots





To execute in command line interface, Run -> Configuration per file -> Command Line



## **Developer Guide**

## **Key Code Snippets**

**Read\_data** – The read\_json method from pandas library is used to read the JSON data as a pandas dataframe

```
import pandas as pd
pd.read_json(filepath, lines = True, orient='columns')
```

**Filter Columns** – To get the values of a particular column for the records that match a selected criteria.

```
def get_values(data, output_attribute, input_attribute= None, value = None):
    return (data[data[input_attribute] == value][output_attribute])
```

**Creating a dictionary of counts-** This is achieved using dictionary comprehension

```
def get_count_dictionary(input_list) :
    """ Function that returns a dictionary with the item as keys and the no of occurrences
in the list as values"""
    return {x : input_list.count(x) for x in input_list}
```

**Flaten a list having lists as its element -** Use the higher order function reduce from the library functools in combination with lambda expression

```
import functools as ft
  def get_flat_list(input_list) :
    """ Function that returns the flattened list"""
    return ft.reduce(lambda x,y: x + y,input_list)
```

#### Plot histogram from a dictionary

```
def plot_hist(dict, xlab, ylab, title): # plot histogram
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import numpy as np

"""extracting values"""
    y = dict.keys()
    x = dict.values()
    """plotting"""
    plt.bar(y_pos, x, align='center', alpha=0.5)

    plt.xticks(y_pos, y, fontsize=8, rotation='vertical')
}
```

**Create dictionary for view by continent –** First, get the list of records., add a new Column – Continents, group by continent & get view count . create dictionary which has the data for views by country of the document

**View By Browser** – Function retreives the browser names from user\_agent using regular expression. Get the list from each user agent. Flatten the above list. Dictionary which has the data for views by browser of the document

```
def browser(self,n):
    import re
    return re.findall(r'(\w+)/',n)

browser_lists = map(self.browser,useragents)

browser_flatlist = cf.common_functions.get_flat_list(browser_lists)

country_dict = cf.common_functions.get_count_dictionary(browser_flatlist)
```

**Sorting based on number of readers** – Function to create dictionary of the form doc\_id : no\_of\_readers step 1 : create a flat list of the dict values step 2 : count the number of occurances of each unique values

**Also likes** – Function that returns all document UUIDs read by a visitor. First Get the readers of the document. Create dictionary of the form reader: readinglist (contains only unique values of the document ids) using dictionary comprehension.

```
def get_also_likes(self, document_id, user_id = None) :
                readers = self.get_readers(document_id)
                     dict_reading = {x : list(set(self.get_read_documents(x))) for x in readers}
return (dict_reading)
```

**Also Like Graph** – Using Digraph from graphviz create a graph. Add square nodes for each reader by traversing through the dictonary keys and circle nodes for the documents by traversing through the dict values.edge dict function will generate a list of the form(key, value) with last 4 characters of the items.

**Plotting histograms in tkinter** – Get the details to plot from view\_by\_continent function in module 2. Extract the values. Create a canvas in tkinter and plot.

```
dict, xlab, ylab, title = sample_2b.view_by_continent(gui = 'true') #get the
    details to plot

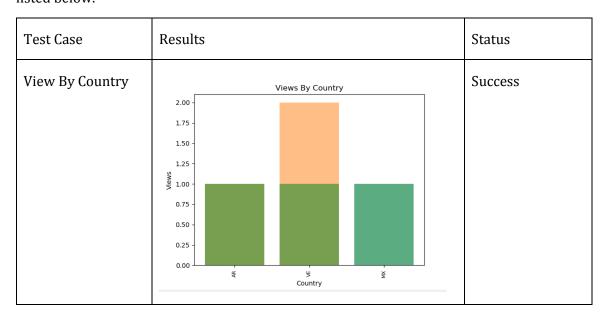
"""extracting values"""
    y = dict.keys()
    y_pos = np.arange(len(y))
    x = dict.values()

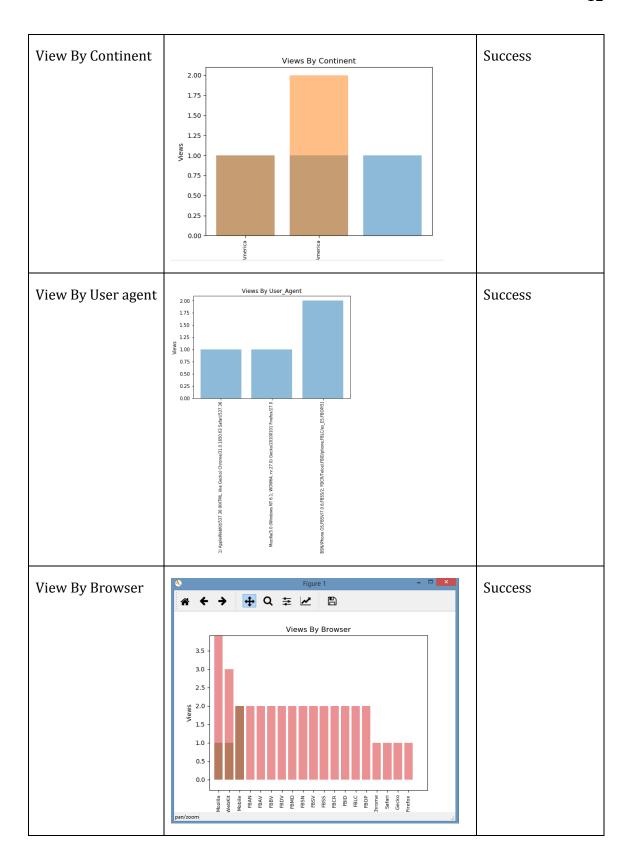
"""plotting"""
    f = matplotlib.pyplot.Figure(figsize=(5,4), dpi=100)
    ax = f.add_subplot(111)
    ax.bar(y_pos, x)
    ax.set_xticklabels(labels = y)
    canvas = FigureCanvasTkAgg(f)
    canvas.get_tk_widget().grid(row=3, column=3, rowspan=6)

    canvas.show()
```

#### **Testing**

The testing performed on the following functionalities has been successful application are listed below.





Get Readers	Generate readers list for the document ['9a83c97f415601a6', '745409913574d4c6', '9a83c97f415601a6']  Generate reading list for the readers ['131203154832-9b8594b7ec211f7e1a0782fd9883a42c', '131203154832-9b8594b7ec211f7e1a0782fd9883a42c']  Generate also_like list for the document {'9a83c97f415601a6': ['131203154832-9b8594b7ec211f7e1a0782fd9883a42c'], '74540991574d4c6': ['131203154832-9b8594b7ec211f7e1a0782fd9883a42c'], '140228202800-6ef39a241f35301a9a42cd0ed21e5fb0']] ['131203154832-9b8594b7ec211f7e1a0782fd9883a42c', '140228202800-6ef39a241f35301a9a42cd0ed21e5fb0']	Success
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Also likes graph	01a6 d4c6  a42c 5fb0	Success



## Reflection

- While developing this application, lots of advanced features from core Python and the Libraries puts the development to ease. They include
  - Higher order functions -map,reduce
  - Dictionary Comprehension,
  - List comprehension
  - Classes- Method Overloading
  - Lambda expressions within higher order functions

- Regular Expressions
- Design Patterns
- Limitations of this application and suggested solutions
  - **a.** Also like graph could not be displayed in GUI
    - Solution Import graph as an image from pdf and display it in GUI

## **Conclusion**

A Data Analysis of a Document Tracker application with the detailed requirement checklist has been developed. The Data Analysis of a Document Tracker application development opened the opportunity to learn advanced concepts in Python like Higher order functions, dictionary comprehension, regular expressions, list comprehensions, lambda expressions and so on.

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